

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1854

A Proclamation Formally Recognizing October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

WHEREAS, we gather not merely to observe a month on a calendar, but to hold a sacred space of remembrance—a space where every life, no matter how brief, is forever etched into the hearts of a family and a community. We acknowledge the profound and quiet grief that echoes in empty rooms and silent nurseries—a sorrow often carried alone, but one we now choose to carry together; and

WHEREAS, we declare that all lives are of infinite value and profound love. We honor the parents who love their children, and hold them in their hearts for a lifetime. We recognize the silent promise of a future that will never be, and the immense courage it takes to rise each day and carry that memory; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that this grief knows no bounds—it touches grandparents, siblings, friends, and entire communities. We honor all who have been impacted by this loss, acknowledging that their love and sorrow are a testament to the ripple effect of every life; and

WHEREAS, today we acknowledge the invisible scars and the unshared stories of those who have experienced this loss. We vow to create a world where no one feels shame or isolation in their sorrow, where every person is met with empathy, understanding, and the space to heal; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation is a vow to shatter the silence that has long surrounded this loss. It is a promise to all who grieve that their story is seen, their pain is valid, and their love is eternal. We recognize that the most powerful act of love is to speak the name of a child who is no longer here—and to ensure they are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, let every October be a beacon of hope and a powerful call to action. Let us transform our grief into a force that advocates for better care, offers support to a neighbor in need, and creates a more compassionate world—one where no one must experience loss in solitude. We do this not only for the babies who are forever missed, but for the parents who live on as living monuments to a love that defies all measure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council honors every October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Ariana Barton and Denver Health.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 10, 2025

PRESIDENT

